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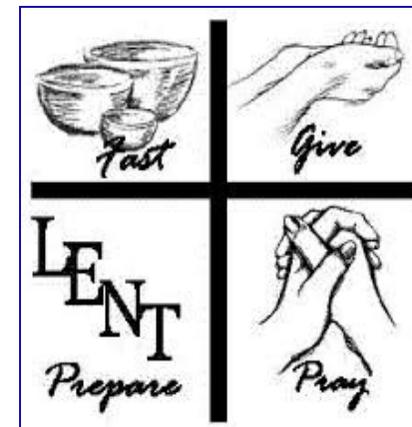
# Maleny Anglican Parish

*Our vision is to "Love one another as Jesus loves us"  
Our mission is to obey Jesus' commandment,  
"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)*



## First Sunday of Lent

### 5th March 2017



**WELCOME** to our worship today.  
*Please stay for fellowship and refreshment  
after the Service.*

### TODAY'S SERVICES

**Services:**

St. Mary's Montville 7.30am

St George's Maleny 9.00am

St Luke's Kenilworth 9.00am

**Celebrants:**

Fr Harry Reuss

Fr Harry Reuss

John Gratton-Caine

**Readings for Today:**  
 Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7  
 Ps 32  
 Romans 5.12-19  
 Matthew 4.1-11



**Readings for next Sunday:**  
 Genesis 12.1-4a  
 Ps 121  
 Romans 4.1-5,13-17  
 John 3.1-17



**The Sentence for the Day:** We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Matthew 4.4**

**Prayer for the Day:** Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**READINGS FOR THE DAY**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS CHAPTER 2 VERSES 15-17, AND CHAPTER VERSES 3 1-7:**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?”’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**PSALM 32:** We say alternate verses:

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS:**



- We ask for the self-discipline to give a little more of our time to God in the next few weeks of Lent.
- For lasting solutions to bring peace to our troubled world: we pray particularly for those parts of the world that are in the news this week.
- For the Diocese of Marathwada (Nth India): +Madhukar Kasab
- For the Diocese of Ballarat: +Garry Weatherill, Clergy and people
- For our Archbishop Phillip and Bishop Jeremy and their families.
- For our Parish Priest and Honorary Clergy, and for our Parish Priest Elect—the Rev’d Jeannette Jamieson and for all who worship and minister in this place.
- For the Anglican Cursillo Movement in Australia and especially our parish group.
- For Coomera Anglican College, Principal, Chaplain, staff and students
- For people who are sick, in body, mind or spirit, for those whom we have listed in our bulletin, and for those known to us personally.
- For the faithful departed and all those whose years mind occurs at this time — *‘Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them O Lord and Let light perpetual Shine upon Them.’*

**ST GEORGE’S GAMES GROUP** (Mahjong) meets each Friday at St George’s from 1.00-5.00pm New members welcome. **Phone Val Rickaby on 5494 2553 for details.**

**ST GEORGE’S TAI CHI CLASSES** are held each Monday from 8.30-9.30am in St George’s Hall. **Contact Babs Grove on 5529 6694 for details.**

**LENT GIVING — ABM ENVELOPES:**

Lent is a traditional time for Anglicans to give a little bit more of their resources to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The Lenten ABM envelopes which are available each week are an excellent opportunity to show our generosity. Your gift will help our Anglican Board of Mission to meet the

**STREET STALL AND TRASH AND TREASURE:** The next Ladies’ Guild Street Stall and Trash and Treasure Stall is on **Friday, 17th March**. Donations of cakes, biscuits, slices, produce and items of trash and treasure would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.



### THE SEASON OF LENT

The liturgy in Lent has at its central concern the preparation of the Church for the Celebration of Easter.

Traditionally, it is a penitential season when Christians apply the discipline of abstinence and prayer as we walk with our Lord on the way to His cross and Passion. In the liturgy of Lent much of the usual festive nature is missing: the *Gloria* is omitted, music is restrained and the Word of God has a different focus.

Lent is not a gloomy time, nor a sad or depressing time. Our fasting and self-denial give us the resources in which we can join with Christ in his struggle against evil and death. In doing so we also join him in victory.



**MESSY CHURCH** is on today—this is the first session of the new year. Come along and enjoy the fun and fellowship of Messy Church, with creating, sharing, singing, storytelling and eating. 4.00-6.00 p.m. Further details phone June on (07) 5435 2941. Thank you to all our volunteers who have committed themselves to helping with Messy Church this year.

### LENTEN STUDIES 2017



This year the Parish Lenten study will be 'Lent for Everyone: Matthew (Year A) by Bishop Tom Wright. Thank you to all those who have bought a book either for individual or group study. Study Times will be: Tuesdays at 7.00pm at the home of Neil and Judy Payne and Wednesdays at 2.00pm at St Georges.

**Lenten Books** We have a few copies left. Should you require a copy let me know before Tuesday PM. I will be returning unsold copies. Later next week I will have a spare copy of Leaders Guide should a Leader require a copy. About \$10. Neil Payne 5429 6544. Remember to advise leaders of Groups your intention to join same as soon as possible.



### MEN'S ECUMENICAL BREAKFAST:

"The first Men's Ecumenical Breakfast for the year will be held at the Catholic Church on Saturday, 18th March at 7 for 7:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Taffy (Ray) James who has served in both the Royal Navy and the Australian Navy.

Those wishing to attend please write your names on the list at the entrance door of St Georges Church." With thanks - Peter Blackburn

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'; then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.'**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

### THE EPISTLE IS WRITTEN IN THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS CHAPTER 5 VERSES 12-19:

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW CHAPTER 4 BEGINNING AT THE 1ST VERSE:**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**A NEW PRIEST FOR MALENY PARISH**

The Church Wardens are pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Jeanette Jamieson as the new Parish Priest of the Anglican Parish of Maleny. The Reverend Jeanette is currently Parish Priest in the Parish of Kilcoy where she will be finishing up at the end of April 2017 and starting at Maleny at the beginning of May. This announcement is also being made in the Parish of Kilcoy this morning.

We congratulate the Reverend Jeannette on her appointment and we pray for her as she prepares to leave the Kilcoy Parish and we give thanks for the efforts of our Parish Nominators—Peter Blackburn, Judy Payne and Maureen Cooper. We also pray for the Parish of Kilcoy as it starts the process of looking for a new priest.

Inside this pew sheet is a short CV on the Reverend Jeannette which she is happy to have circulated.



**VISIT OF THE REV'D KEN SPREADBOROUGH:**

The Rev'd Ken Spreadborough representing ABM will be the Guest Preacher NEXT SUNDAY, 12th March at Montville and Maleny. Ken is a great speaker and teacher with a passion for Mission and in particular the work of ABM. Prior to his retirement from full time ministry in 2011 he served in the parishes of Jimboomba, St Peter's Wynnum and Coolangatta/Palm Beach. Not to be missed!

**Rev'd Derek Barrett's Commentary on the Readings:**

**Psalm 32**

In a commercial world where most things are swathed in plastic "sackcloth" is rarely seen and only those who use wood-burning stoves are used to handling ashes, so we need to stretch our imagination to focus on sackcloth and ashes for the next six weeks. The psalm writer is in a very penitential mood brought on by some wasting disease, raging fevers and sleepless nights. Unlike our contemporaries who look for someone to blame when things go wrong he accuses no-one but himself and knows exactly what to do. Self-examination, absolute honesty, no excuses or expressions of unfortunate circumstances, but only a forthright statement of guilt as in the case of the forgiving father's younger son, "Father, I have sinned and am no longer worthy...." The unnamed sin(s) forgiven, the forgivingness accepted and acknowledged as therapeutic, no wallowing in guilt but a clear determination to make a new start as well as finding a "willing ear" to share the joy.

**Romans 5 verses 12 – 21**

Today's epistle emphasises the fact that Christian people belong to two families, and the writer has two terms to express his hypothesis, namely, "in Adam" and "in Christ". We probably first met this in the old Prayer Book in what were called the Easter Anthems, quotations from Paul's writing printed as an introduction to the collect for Easter Day, e.g. "As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive." He thought of mankind not as a collection of individuals but members of one family. The two families are distinct. Before our baptism we belonged only to the human family but after it we became members of a new family which demands an entirely different kind of life. In these ten verses Paul is comparing and contrasting the two lives which he personifies as Adam (Hebrew for man) and Christos (Greek for Lord). In Roger Bowen's S.P.C.K commentary on Romans there is a very moving photo of an immigrant worker in France studying in a literacy class. Without the skills of reading and writing the new language he will never be able to take his part in the life of his adopted country. Lent gives each one of us a chance to learn or revise ways in which we can share in our new life.

**Matthew 4 verses 1-11**

We are more or less back on course with our "Year of Matthew" but after today we will not pick it up again until the Sundays after Trinity. Our evangelist has related what happened when Jesus came to John's baptising and now tells us what he believed happened as a result of the utterance of the Heavenly Voice, "This is My Son"! Jesus aware of His being The Messiah must now decide what kind of Messiah He will be. The translation 'temptation' is confusing if it conjours up ideas of strengthening of character and resolve. A better translation is 'test' as in the consideration of options or the sorting out of alternative lines of action on assuming power and office. There is no-one with Jesus in the wild and lonely place. The "forty days" is figurative and not literal, and at the proper time they come to an end. There will be obedience to the Heavenly Vision and there will be no compromise or diversion from the chosen course and destiny. Jesus will rule and save His people as the Messiah on Calvary.